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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 5, 2001, the period for response having been extended three (3) additional months from March 5, 2002 to June 5, 2002, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14 and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended claims are provided as an Appendix):

1. (Amended) A belt for a material web producing machine, comprising:
a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and

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